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SUBJ: UN BUDGET: MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN KOREA

REF: USUN 5314

SUMMARY: FIFTH COMITE, FOLLOWING SCENARIO PREPARED BY 11 COUNTRIES WHOSE MEN INTERRED IN MEMORIAL CEMETERY, AGREED WITHOUT DEBATE TO DELETE ITEM FROM 1974-75 UN REGULAR PROGRAM BUDGET.

1. FIFTH COMITE DEC 7 CONSIDERED SECTION 32 OF PROGRAM BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTENANCE OF MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN KOREA. USYG DAVIDSON ANNOUNCED TO COMITE THAT "ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS" HAD BEEN MADE TO ENSURE CONTIUNED
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UPKEEP OF CEMETERY AND, THEREFORE, SYG PROPOSES THAT THIS

ITEM BE DELETED FROM BUDGET. HE THEN QUOTED FROM ARTICLE IX OF ROK-UN AGREEMENT. HE NOTED THAT SYG WAS SATISFIED THAT THERE WAS NO FURTHER NEED FOR RECOURSE TO UN BUDGET. WITHOUT COMMENT FROM ANY DEL, SYG PROPOSAL WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

2. SCENARIO ALONG ABOVE LINES HAD BEEN PREPARED EARLIER BY 11 COUNTRIES WHOSE MEN ARE INTERRED IN CEMETERY. LETTER SIGNED BY PERMREPS OF 10 COUNTRIES DEC 5 CONFIRMED THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS WERE WILLING, UNDER PROVISION OF ARTICLE IX OF AGREEMENT, TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF CEMETERY "ON A BASIS TO BE AGREED". ROK AMB. SENT SEPARATE LETTER TO SYG ANNOUNCING INTENTIONS OF HIS GOVT TO ACCEPT COST OF CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FOR 1974 AND TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN EXPLORING WAYS AND MEANS FOR FINANCING COSTS FOR YEARS 1975 AND FOLLOWING.

3. IN DEC 5 MEETING, 10 OTHER COUNTRIES WHO HAVE MEMORIAL PLAQUES AT CEMETERY WERE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO CEMETERY UPKEEP. DUTCH DEP PERMREP VAN DER KLAUW AGREED TO CARRY LETTER SIGNED BY REPS OF 10 INTERESTED COUNTRIES TO DAVIDSON. ON DEC 6, DURING FIFTH COMITE MEETING, DELS OF 10 COUNTRIES CANVASSED ENTIRE FIFTH COMITE EXPLAINING DECISION TO WITHDRAW ITEM FROM BUDGET AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT NO DEBATE ON SUBJECT WOULD ENSUE. US(STOTTLEMYER) SPOKE AT LENGTH WITH USSR REP AND OBTAINED HIS AGREEMENT NOT TO RAISE SUBJECT IN COMITE UNLESS OTHER DELS DID SO.

4. SCENARIO WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN. CEMETERY REMAINS IDENTIFIED AS UN MEMORIAL CEMETERY ALTHOUGH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IX OF AGREEMENT, 10 COUNTRIES AND ROK WILL NOW CONSTITUTE COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER IT. FIFTH COMITE HANDLED QUESTION WITH DIGNITY AND CONTENTIOUS ITEM NOW REMOVED FROM PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FUTURE.

5. COPIES OF ROK AND INTERESTED COUNTRIES LETTERS BEING POUCHED IO/HENNES AND STULL.
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